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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. Sp. 243

Part B for

SUBJECT.

Pensation Claims of Mr. V. Ramiah
Ulu Indian for having acquired Nagoya-
halli block for tuberculosis Hospital at Nagoya.

SC 21) to. The Director, Agri Depart
910 C 19769 dt. 10 C 1/21
Approves the action of the Director
referred in SC 20.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

General and Revenue Secretariat. | Govt File No. 98 of 1918-19

Serial No.	
15.	From the Director, Agriculture No 2162 dt 5/6-4-20. Forwards copies of correspondence between Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar & himself in respect of mining leases applied for by him over two blocks of land, one near the Khaktavahalli block & the other outside the area comprised in prospecting license no 416; & recommends that (1) the applicant may be permitted to select a new block between the line marked AB in the plan of the Khaktavahalli block, (2) after the settlement of the question, the extension of the Khaktavahalli mining block may be considered by Govt and (3) the lease applied for out of the area comprised in P.L. no 416 may be sanctioned. The disposal of applications for the extension of the Khaktavahalli mining block & the renewal of prospecting license no 416 had been deferred pending the settlement of the question of compensation claimed by Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar for having acquired the Nargondanahalli mining block for Tuberculosis Hospital at Mysore. In the agreement arrived at the following were promised to Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar (1) Mining lease over a new block adjoining the Khaktavahalli block, over one square but not in the direction of the Hullenahalli (2) Renewal of Prospecting license no 416 under the new rules or the grant of a mining lease on the rules in force at the time

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3 The Director now recommends (1) that the mining lease over the block selected out of prospecting block no 416 may be sanctioned; but (2) the application for a mining lease over the block round Chickkonahalli may be rejected and the applicant asked to select a new block for the reasons stated in paragraphs 2 to 6 of the paper under disposal and suggests that (3) the disposal of the application for the extension of the Bhaktarahalli mining block may be deferred until the question of granting a mining lease over the new block is settled.

Submitted for orders.

AHS. 13-4-20. Ag

4 The recommendation of the Director, which is also supported by Dr Smeeth may be approved.

DCS 13/4/20

352 14/4/20

1st Member)

The Director's recommendations are approved

15.4

Draft reply accordingly

DCS 15/4/20.

Mr. AHS

Submitted with a draft as desired.

AHS 19-4-20. Ag

Issue DCS 20/4/20.

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

Geo File No. 95 of 1918-19

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17	To the Director Dept of Geol. G. 24169 dt 22.4.20 directing the grant of a mining lease for chrome over a block of 3/4 sq mile in prospecting block no 416 & states that the applicant may be asked to select a new block of one sq mile in the portion marked in the plan (sent) of the area of the ~~Bhattarahalli block &c~~ and the application for the extension of the Bhattarahalli Mining block is to be taken for consideration after the disposal of the question of the mining lease promised to Mr Manic Kanchan Mudaliar
13	From The Director, Department of Geology letter no 1461 dt 1.3.1921 Forwards the revised plan selecting the blocks adjoining Bhattarahalli Block and recommends that the block now selected may be given to Mr Manickavelu Mudaliar Submitted for orders

OHIEF SEC
MINISTER
Chief A

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4/3/21. (1st Member) 4/3/21.

Agree to recommendation in para 4 leaving block C also (the 2nd recommended) Bhattarahalli 4/3/21

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	Draft accordingly. dcs 8/3/21
	Submitted with a draft 9-3-21 10 Issue dcs 10/3/21.
19	To the Director dated 18th ult. of Geol G. 17909 dt 21.3.21 Sanctions the grant of a mining lease over the revised [illegible] adjoining the Bhattarahalli block 2 miles long & 1/3 mile wide & approves of his recommendation to give a mining lease to Rao B. Seetharama Murthy, Mudaliar over the original area subject to [illegible]
20	From The Director Department of Geology letter no 1578 dt 6.4.1921 Invites reference to govt order of the 21st march 1921 sanctioning the grant of a mining lease to mr. V. Sivaramamurthy Mudaliar over the original area of one square mile of land comprised in the prospecting licence no 641 in the Bhattarahalli Mining Block on certain conditions. States that the Rules have since been altered giving Govt

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the right of pre-emption during the currency of the lease, of the minerals lying within the block or elsewhere under the control of the lessee and that he has therefore given the lease on the latter condition and not on the condition of called in the G.O.

Submitted with a draft revised G.O. instructions for approval.

8/4/21

(1st Member)

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21. To the Director Dept of Geol

G. 19769 of 19.4.21

Approves the action of the Director.

G. 19770 of 19.4.21.

Forwards a copy of G.O. No 1 to the Dept of Mines & Geology.

G. 19771 of 19.4.21.

Forwards a copy of G.O. No 1 to the Secy: to Govt. Home Dept.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT. IV MINOR Depts: 27 APR 1921

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BANGALORE, 5th April 1920

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FROM 7 April 1920

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
IV
MISCL. Branch
7 APR 1920

B. JAYA RAM, ESQ., F. G. S.,

Director, Mysore Geological Department.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

SIR,

Yeol 95-18.
G.O. 54

With reference to para 2 of Government Order No.G.25364-5/Geol. dated the 8th May 1919, passing orders in the matter of the compensation claimed by Mr.V.Manickavelu Mudaliar in respect of certain lands in the Hargowdanhalli Chrome Block in the Mysore Taluk, acquired by Government for the purposes of the Tuberculosis Hospital and in continuation of this office letter No.187, dated 17th July 1919, I have the honor to forward herewith, for the information and orders of Government, copies of the marginally noted communications between this office and Mr.Manickavelu Mudaliar in respect of the mining leases for chrome applied for by him over two blocks of land - one near the Bhaktarhalli Block and the other selected out of the area comprised in prospecting license No.416 of Jambur Block (vide items Nos.1 and 2 in para of the Government Order referred to above.)

2. Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar first applied on 15th August 1919 for a block of 1⅛ square miles of land near Bhaktarhalli and the length of the same exceeded the maximum limit of one mile. The block did not also adjoin the Bhaktarhalli Mining Block as stipulated in the Government Order. These defect

were

pointed out to the applicant and he was asked to submit application for mining leases in the prescribed form together with a sketch of a revised block of one square mile length or not more than one mile adjoining the Bhakterhalli Block. Thereupon he represented that the word "joining" should have been used by Government rather inadvertently instead of the word "adjacent", that the intervening space between the Bhakterhalli Block and the block selected by him consists of only tank bed lands absolutely devoid of chrome ore, that the limitation in regard to the length of the mining block not exceeding one mile should not be made applicable to the present case as the block was not selected out of an area previously held under prospecting licence, and that, therefore, a length which does not exceed twice the breadth should be allowed as in the case of original applications for mining leases over areas not previously held under prospecting licenses. With reference to these representations, he was informed that, under the circumstances represented by him, the exclusion of the tank bed lands from the new block adjoining the Bhakterhalli Block could be recommended to Government but that the limitation as to the length of the block should not exceed one mile must be adhered to as it was expressly stated at the meeting with the Dewan, and he was asked to submit a revised sketch of a block of the limited length of not more than one mile.

3. He now writes that although the limitation as to the length of the block selected by him should not exceed more than one mile was suggested by Dr. W.F. Smeeth, at the meeting with the Dewan, no definite discussions took place nor were any conclusions arrived at in the matter, requests that, as the chrome reef in the area runs north and south, a lease may be recommended over the block originally

applied

applied for by him. He has also submitted a revis
of a block of one mile in length for being substitu
case it is imperative that the limitation in regard
length should be adhered to.

4. The papers were sent to Dr. Smeeth. Directo
and Geology, for favour of his views in the matter a
instance, the enclosed combined map has been prepared
map shows clearly that neither the block originally a
for nor the revised block now applied for fulfils the
tion that it should adjoin the Bhaktarhalli Block.
a gap of nearly two miles of country between the block
Dr. Smeeth is of opinion that we cannot agree to this

5. Dr. Smeeth has drawn a red pencil line marked
one mile from the S E boundary of the Bhaktarhalli pros
license No.441 and he recommends that the applicant may
permitted to select a block of one square mile between
red line and the area of the Bhaktarhalli Mining Lease a
that he may be asked to submit a fresh application withi
these limits.

6. Dr. Smeeth considers that Mr. Manickavelu Mudali
present application for a block round Chickkonhalli is ou
the question and that it must be rejected.

7. He further suggests that when the site of this bl
has been satisfactorily settled, the extension of the
Bhaktarhalli mining block referred to in your letter No.G.1
43-18-7, dated 5-1-1920, may be considered.

8. With regard to the other block selected under pros
pecting license No.416, Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar first appl
for an area which comprised certain lands outside the origi
prospecting block and on his being pointed out that he is
entitled to select a block within the area of the said

prospecting

prospecting license, he has submitted a revised sketch (marked A) together with a formal application for a mining lease. The revised block is within the area of the original prospecting license, and ¾ square mile in extent and is in conformity with the Rules in regard to shape and dimensions. The lease applied for may, therefore, be kindly sanctioned, the rate of royalty payable thereunder being Re.1/- per ton as prescribed in Government Notification No. G.4741/Geol.28-19-4, dated 26th August 1919.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

B. Rangaswami.

Director,

Mysore Geological Department.

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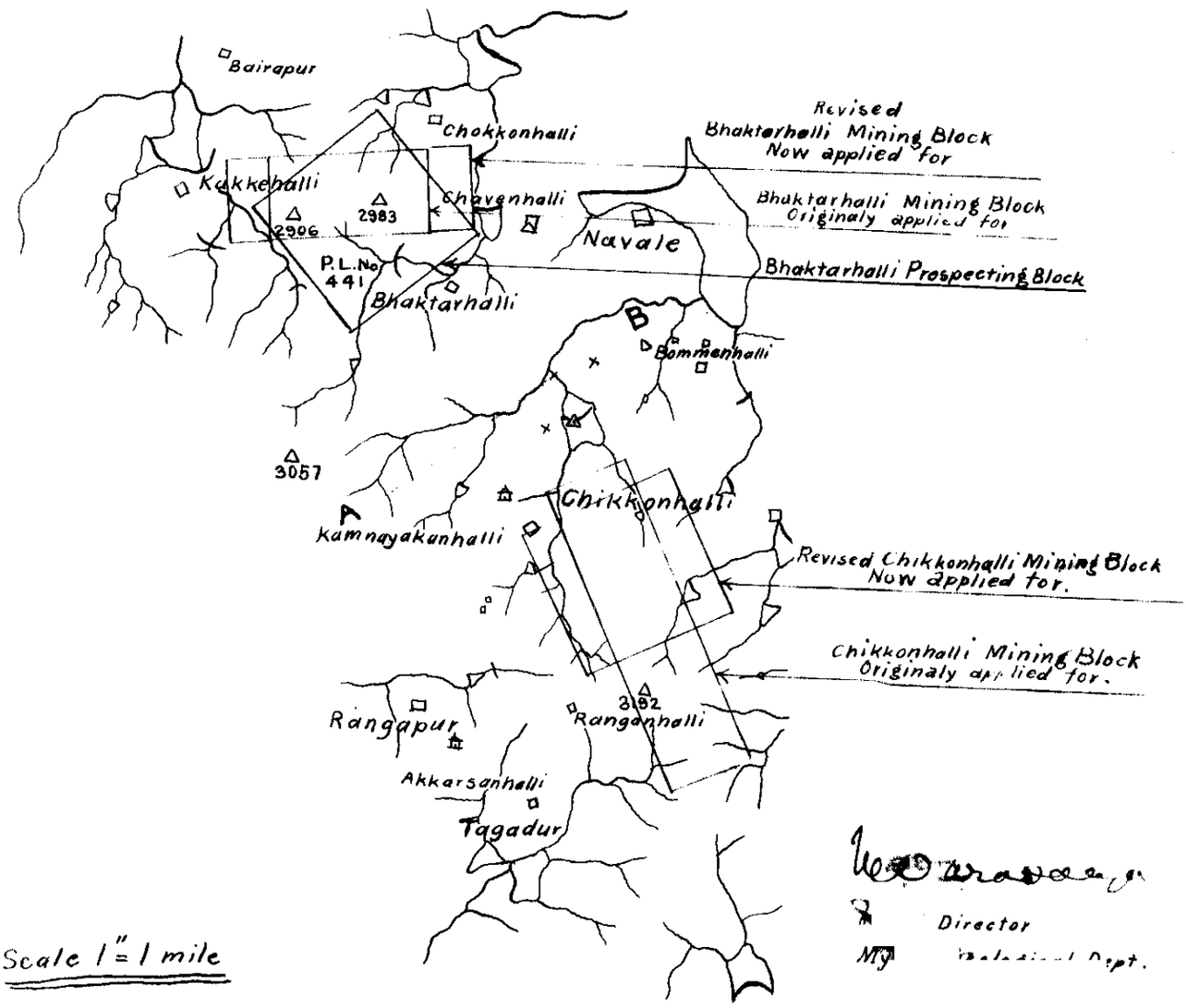

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Director

Mysore Geological Dept.

Letter, dated 15th August 1919, from Mr. V. Manickamudaliar, 14, Spencer Road, Bangalore , to the Director, Department of Mines and Geology.

With reference to the correspondence ending with you letter No.110, dated 12th July 1919, and the personal conversation I subsequently had with you, I have the honour to enclose herein two sketches marked A & B showing (a) the new mining block of one square mile adjoining my Bhaktarhalli Block selected in accordance with para 1(1) of your letter No.3384, dated 13th May 1919 and (b) the block of one square mile selected out of the area comprised in Prospecting License No.416.

I beg that the leases of these two blocks may kindly be granted at an early date in the name of Messrs.V.Manickavel Mudaliar & Son as well as that of the Bhaktarhalli Block.

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for Director,

C.N. Mysore Geological Department.

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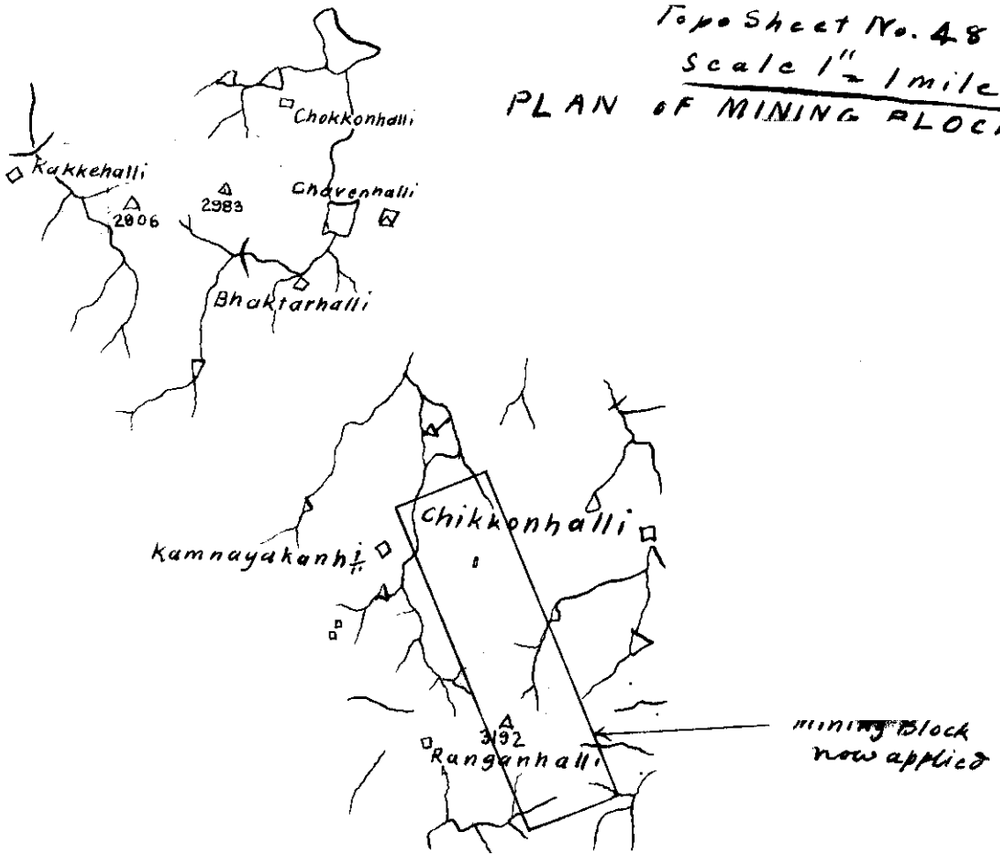
PLAN OF MINING BLOCK A



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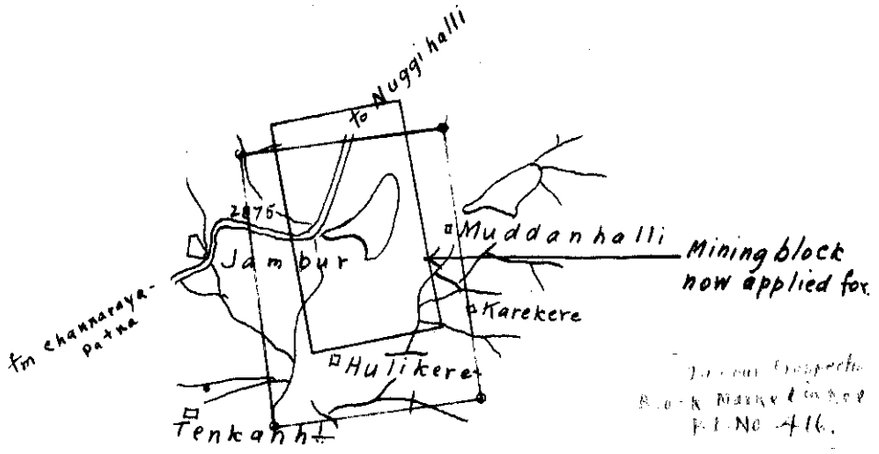
Plan of ~~Mining~~ Block – B



Divisional Inspector
Rock Material Cell
P.I. No 416.

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Letter No.1076, dated 21st October 1919, from the Director, Mysore Geological Department, to Mr. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar, 14, Spencer Road, Bangalore.

With reference to your letter, dated 15th August 1919, forwarding sketches of two blocks in the Chennarayapatna Taluk selected by you for purposes of mining chrome ore in pursuance of the orders of Government communicated to you in this office letter No.3384, dated 13th May 1919, I have the honour to state as follows

1. As regards the new mining block, sketch marked A,it is observed that the block is very much further away from your Bhaktarhalli block and is 1 1/8 square mile in extent. The area which you are entitled to apply for in accordance with para 1(1) of this office letter No.3384, dated 13th May 1919, much adjoin your Bhaktarhalli block and must not be separated from it by any intervening distance.

Further the new block must not be more than one mile in length.

The agreement with you in the matter states that it shall be 1 square mile in area, but it was expressly stated at the meeting with the Dewan that it should not be more than one mile in length. You are given a certain latitude in determining the exact position of the block subject to the condition that it shall adjoin the Bhaktarhalli block and it is equivalent to selecting a mining block under a prospecting license The provision that a mining lease may be 4 times the breadth applies only to original applications for mining leases which Government have the right to reject altogether or to offer only a portion thereof.

A freshly selected block in conformity with the terms of the agreement settled upon and referred to above may therefore be forwarded to me with a formal application in the

appended form and accompanied by a Treasury Receipt for the usual fee payable in accordance with the rules.

2. Regarding the block B selected for a mining lease out of the area of prospecting license No.416, it is observed that a portion of the selected block to the North lies outside the area of the prospecting block and cannot therefore be accepted. The block may be revised so that it may lie entirely within the area of the prospecting block and so that the maximum length of it does not exceed one mile. A formal application is the prescribed form (Appended hereto) may be submitted with a sketch of the block revised as required above and accompanied with a Treasury Receipt for the usual fee.

Copy.

for Director,

C.N. Mysore Geological Department.

Letter, dated 23rd November 1919, from Mr. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar, Ahmed Buildings, Bangalore City, to the Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Bangalore.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.1076, dated 21st October 1919, regarding the mining blocks applied for by me in pursuance of your office letter No.3384, dated 13th May 1919. In reply, I beg leave to submit that there is no reason to doubt that the word "adjoining" was used indifferently instead of the word "adjacent" in the order of the Government communicated to me in your letter of the 13th May 1919. A kind reference to the meaning of the word "adjoining" in Collin's Pocket Dictionary will show that it is taken to be near and not necessarily "attached to". Apart from this meaning, which is of but a passing importance, the fact cannot be ignored that the Government did not and do not intend that I should unnecessarily tie myself up to the lands comprised in the intervening space between the selected block "A" and the Bhaktarhalli block, which are only tank bed lands and are absolutely devoid of Chrome Ore. I beg, therefore, that you may be kind enough not to insist on these lands forming part of the selected block.

With regard to the length of the block, the restriction that it must not be more than one mile applies. no doubt, to blocks selected under prospecting licenses. But in the present case, although my claim is for a block under a prospecting license, yet it is in an area quite different to that held under the prospecting license. The one mile length limit would no doubt be reasonable when a licensee has prospected the block and determined the area to be selected for a mining lease, but where no such prospecting has been done as in the the case of the new block, the restriction in regard to the one mile length cannot be made applicable. Further the Government Order expressly states that the block may be one square mile and not one mile square. In view of these facts, I trust

that the limitation in regard to the length being not more than one mile will not be imposed in my case. The length of the block selected by me does not exceed four times the breadth as provided in the rules. I am prepared to reduce the area of the block to one square mile and I submit herewith a revised sketch of the same together with a formal application for a mining lease. The fee of Rs.100/- payable in respect of the application may be transferred from the application for the lease of the Margowdanahalli Block.

With regard to block "B" selected within the area of prospecting license No.416, I beg to submit, as suggested by you, a formal application for a mining lease over a revised block within the area of Prospecting License No.416, together with the Treasury receipt for the fee of Rs.100/-.

Although a small bit of the block originally selected by me is outside the area of prospecting license No.416 and I can not ~~obtain~~ claim it as a matter of fact, I shall be very grateful if this bit is allowed to me unless Government have any special grounds which would warrant its exclusion.

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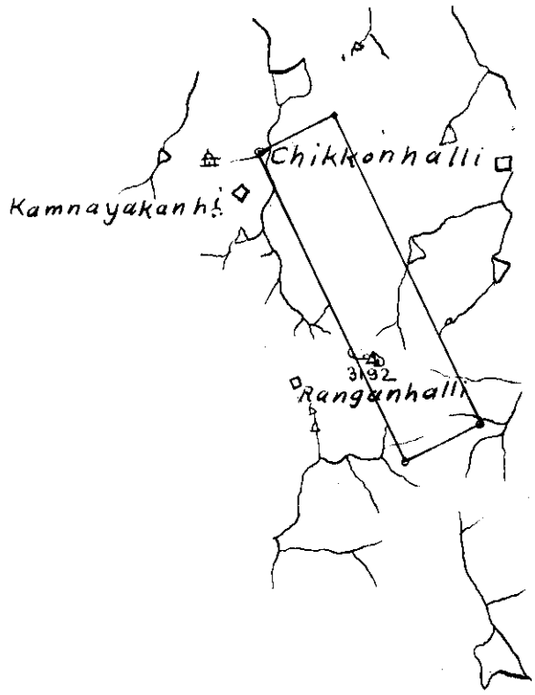
For Director,

C.M. Mysore Geological Department.



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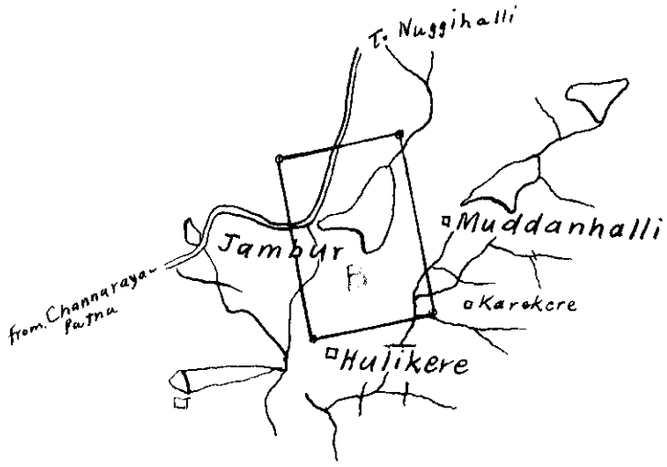

Letter No.1656, dated 17th January 1920, from the Director, Mysore Geological Department, to Mr. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar, Ahmed Buildings, Bangalore City.

With reference to your letter, dated 23rd November 1919, regarding the mining blocks selected by you in the Bhakterhalli and Jambur areas in the Chennarayapatna Taluk. I have the honour to inform you that the several representations made by you therein have been carefully considered both by Dr. W. F. Smeeth and myself.

Under the circumstances mentioned in your letter, the exclusion of the tank bed lands immediately adjoining the Bhakterhalli Block from the new block, over which a lease has been offered to you, will be recommended to Government; but the ~~legth~~ length of the block should not exceed one mile. This limitation in regard to the length was expressly stated at the meeting with the Dewan and must be adhered to. A revised sketch of the block not exceeding one square mile in area and not more than one mile in length, may be submitted to me at a very early date for transmission to Government for orders.

With regard to the Jambur mining block, a mining lease will be recommended over the revised area shown in the sketch submitted with your above mentioned letter of the 23rd November 1919, but the small bit of land outside the area of the said prospecting license shall not be included.

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M C Varadarajan

For Director,

C.N. Mysore Geological Department.

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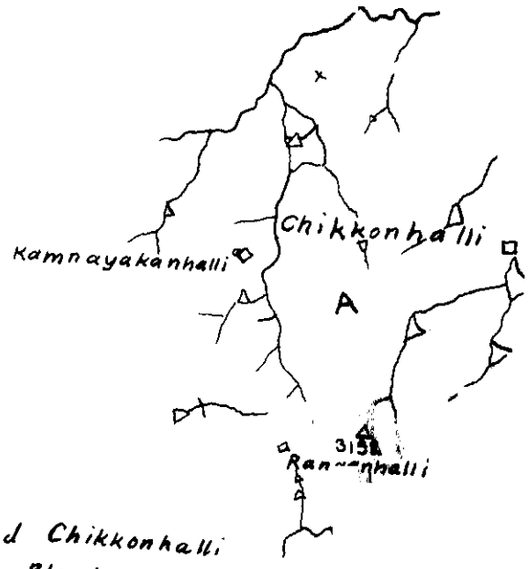

Revised Chikkonhalli Mining Block, Marked A

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SUBJECT.....

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Date of issue..... 22/4

Signed by..... Mr Des

Section Geol
File No. 95-6
Serial No. 17

No. G 24/69

To The Director, Dept of Geology.

Sir,

With reference to your
Offg No 2162 of 5/6 April 1920 —
forwarding for orders of Govt application
received from Mr. V. Manickavelu Mu
for the grant of two mining leases for chrome
ore near the Kheddarahalli block and a
Offg selected out of the area emptied
prospecting license no 416 in Kollegal
Taluk, I am directed to convey
sanction of Govt to the grant of a mining
lease for chrome ore a block of $\frac{3}{4}$ sq mile
of land emptied as prospecting license no

over. 920

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Section Geol
File No. 95-6
Serial No. 17

No. G 2464/69

To The Director, Dept of Geology.

Sir,

With reference to your letter no 2162 of 5/6 April 1920, forwarding for orders of Govt application received from Mr. V. Manickavelu Mudr for the grant of two mining leases for chrome ore near the Kheltarahalli block and a letter addressed to the Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor, I am directed to convey sanction of Govt to the grant of a mining lease for chrome over a block of $\frac{3}{4}$ sq. m. of land comprised in prospecting license

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416 the rate of royalty payable thereunder to ~~in payment of royalty of~~ Rs 1/2 - per ton.

2. As regards the application for a mining lease over a new block, I am to state (1) that, as recommended by you, the application for a lease over the block round Chikkobachalli is rejected; and (2) that the applicant may be asked to select a new block of one square mile between the red line marked A B in the plan accompanying your letter of the area of the Bhaktarahalli mining lease, and to submit a fresh application within those limits.

As proposed, the application for the extension of the Bhaktarahalli mining block will be taken for consideration, ~~only~~ after the disposal of the question of the ~~application for the~~ mining lease promised to Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar over the new block referred to in ~~the above~~ paragraph 2 above.

Yours etc

29/4/20

Forwarding Receipt Govt.

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List of enclosure

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No. 1441
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Dated, Bangalore, 21 March 1921

From

B. JAYA RAM, Esquire, F.G.S.,
Director, Mysore Geological Department.

To

K. Mattham, Esq., B.A.,
Offg. Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter No.G.24169/Geol. 95-18-17, dated 22nd April 1920, regarding Mr. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar's application for a mining lease over a block of land round Chickkonahalli in the Chennarayapatna Taluk selected by him in lieu of the Margowdanhalli Block in the Mysore Taluk, I have the honor to state that in pursuance of the orders of Government communicated in para 2 of your letter, Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar was called upon to select a new Block of one square mile between the red line marked A B in the plan sent to you with my letter No.2162, dated 5/6th April 1920, and the area of the Bhaktarhalli Mining Lease and to submit a fresh application within those limits.

2. Thereupon, Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar in his letter, dated 8th July 1920, a copy of which is submitted herewith (Paper marked A) represented that he could not, at the time of the meeting with the Dewan, clearly make out the real significance or import of the word "adjoining" in the original Government Order, but that on going to the spot with a view to select a new block he found out that a large extent of the land adjoining the Bhaktarhalli Block was tank bed lands under cultiva-

tion

...ivation and requested, therefore, that he might be granted ...ease over the block round Chickkonahalli originally selected ...im. The matter was then referred by me to Dr.W.F.Smeeth, ...e views are contained in the enclosed copy of his Note, ...ed 20th July 1920 (Paper marked B). He maintains that the ...k selected must adjoin or join on to the area of the ...tarhalli Mining Lease and that the length should not exceed ... miles.

3. I summoned Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar and interviewed ... at this office on the 31st July 1920 and communicated to ... the above mentioned views of Dr. Smeeth. Mr. Manickavelu ...liar, after a further inspection of the area, submitted to ... on the 1st February 1921 a plan of a revised block (Paper ...ked C) which adjoins the Bhaktarhalli Block and is 3 miles ... and 1/3 mile wide. This plan was also forwarded by me ... Dr. Smeeth for opinion and the same will be found in the ...closed copy of D.C. letter No.264, dated 7th February 1921 ...per marked D).

4. Dr. Smeeth considers that even the revised block ...wn in Paper C) does not comply with either the letter or ... spirit of the agreement and that he is not prepared to go ...ther than give him "one square mile not exceeding two miles ... length and adjoining or joined on to the Bhaktarhalli Block" ...y mind, however, the block (shown in Paper C) complies ... the requirements of the original Government Order, viz.,- ... it should adjoin the Bhaktarhalli Block and that it ...ould not exceed one square mile. The only deviation from ... ordinary rule in the case of this block is that the ... th exceeds the limit of 2 miles, but this deviation appears ... inevitable and may, in my opinion, be permitted in view ... special condition imposed that the block should adjoin ...tarhalli Block and also of the fact that the ore ... in rocks in the locality form a narrow band with cultiva- ... on either side.

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5. Nevertheless, with due deference to Dr. Smeeth's opinion contained in his letter of the 7th February 1921, I again interviewed Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar on the 10th instant and he has now submitted with his letter, dated 11th February 1921, a third sketch of a block of 600 acres (less than one square mile) which adjoins the Bhaktarhalli Block and which is only two miles long as stipulated by Dr. Smeeth Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar urges, however, that he is fairly entitled to the block of 3 miles length (marked in Paper C) owing to the special circumstances of the case. I also find that a relaxation from the limit of length has been allowed by Government to Mr. J. Burr even in the case of a prospecting license applied for by him in the same tract of country, vide, Dr. Smeeth's letter No.10, dated 3rd July 1916, and your office letter No.G.1850/Geol.9-16-2, dated 9th August 1916. This precedent is obviously in favour of Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar.

* Paper marked E

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6. The matter has been hanging fire for over a year and I am pretty well tired of playing the middleman between Dr. Smeeth and Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar.

It has been a regrettable case from beginning to end and in the interests of all parties concerned, it is desirable to finally dispose of the matter instead of allowing it to smoulder like this for ever.

7. I, therefore, beg to submit the matter for favour of such orders as the Government may deem fit to pass.

8. With regard to the Bhaktarhalli Block, Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar requests that in lieu of the half square mile block sanctioned in your letter No.G.8791/Geol.17-17-19, dated 23rd December 1917, in favour of Mr.V.Sundaramurthy Mudaliar and the extension of the same subsequently applied for by him, vide, correspondence ending with para 3 of your letter No.G. 24169, dated 22nd April 1920, referred to above he[illegible] be

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applied a lease over the original area of one square mile comprised in Prospecting License No.441. Under Clause 15 of the Prospecting License he was entitled to a lease over a block not exceeding one square mile in the area. and although he originally applied for a block of only ½ a square mile during the currency of the license. there is nothing to preclude the grant to him of a lease over the entire area of one square mile as now requested by him and I recommend that sanction may kindly be accorded to the same.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

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Director,

Mysore Geological Department.

Enclosure A

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Letter, dated 8th July 1920, from V. Manickavelu Mudaliar and Son to the Director, Mysore Geological Department.

With reference to para 2 of your letter No. 2364, dated 18th May 1920, regarding my application for a mining lease, for Chrome, over a block near Chickkanahalli selected by me in accordance with your letters (1) No. 3384, dated 13th May 1919, and (2) No. 1656, dated 17th January 1920, I have the honour to state as follows:-

The order communicated to me in your letter now under reference, viz., that the application for a mining lease over the new block round Chickkanahalli is rejected as it does not fulfil that it should adjoin the Bhaktarhalli Block and there is a gap of nearly two miles of country between the two blocks, is not only most disappointing and discouraging to me but also very surprising. For, in the first place, the word "adjoining" used at our meeting with the Dewan Saheb, was, as I have already explained to you, taken by me so indifferently and so casually that I could not make out at the time the serious disadvantages of its import. I did not and do not expect that Government ever intended that I should take up lands devoid of Chrome Ore, such as the tank bed lands which "adjoin" the Bhaktarhalli Block. If I were only aware at the time of our meeting with the Dewan Saheb that such was the situation, I would have certainly objected to the use of the word "adjoining". What I really understood was that I would be given a block selected by me in the Bhaktarhalli area and that the words "adjoining your Bhaktarhalli area" were used only for convenience of expression or description and not with any intention that the new block should necessarily be one "adjoining" the Bhaktarhalli Block.

In your letter No. 1656, dated 17th January 1920, you were kind enough to inform me, after my representations were "carefully considered both by Dr. Smeeth and yourself" that "the exclusion of the tank bed lands immediately adjoining Bhaktarhalli Block" would be recommended to Government and it is no small surprise to me to be now called upon to select a new block of one square mile between

between the red line marked A B in the plan which accompanied your letter under reference. The area between the boundary of the Bhakterhalli Block and the red line A B or the boundary of the new "Chickkanahalli Block" consists mostly of tank bed lands where there is not even the faintest indication of the existence of Chrom Ore and where nobody would ever care to take a lease. It appears to me that it would be nothing but reasonable and fair to request that I may be granted a block of one square mile where there are good indications of Chrome Ore as in the Margowdanhalli Block resumed by Government. Even the Chickkanahalli Block selected by me requires to be developed and proved at the expense of a large sum of money. If the area suggested in your letter under reference is in your opinion sufficiently valuable for being taken up under a mining lease for Chrome, may I beg leave to ask why it should not be reserved for Government instead of being given to me. To mind at least that area is not of any value to a prospecting licensee or mining lessee and I am compelled, therefore, to request that I may kindly be granted a lease over the Chickkanahalli Block as per sketch submitted with my letter dated 24th February 1920. The fact that it does not adjoin or is adjacent to the Bhakterhalli Block should not be taken advantage of, as the real significance or the import of the word "Adjacent" in the case in question was not clearly visible to me when it was, all of a sudden, mentioned at the meeting with the Dewan. It was only after I went to the spot with a view to select the new block that I found out that a large extent of the land adjacent to the Bhakterhalli Block was tank bed lands without any indication of Chrome Ore and I accordingly selected the present Chickkanahalli Block comprising Chrome lands which are nearest to the Bhakterhalli Block and I beg that it may not be quibbled upon to my disadvantage.

There is also a somewhat similar misnomical term used in the Government Order relating to the dimensions of the block, viz. "one square mile". You wrote to me in your letter No. 1656, dated 17th January

17th January 1920, that although the Government Order mentioned "one square" what was actually meant was "one mile square", I readily gave in and selected a block of one mile square only, although by doing so, I had to leave out a big portion of valuable Chrome bearing land.

In conclusion, I beg that the Government may be kind enough to accord very early sanction to the grant to me of a mining lease applied for over that block, in consideration of the strong claims in my favour for the lease of that block and also of the pioneer work done by me in chrome ore in the Nuggihalli area.

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B. Rajam

Director,

Mysore Geological Department.

Enclosure B.

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Note, dated 20th July 1920, from Dr. W.F. Smeeth, to the Director, Mysore Geological Department.

I do not see any reason to alter my previous decision. The contention that the area which Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar is asked to select is all tank bed is absurd. As to how much chrome ore it may or may not contain we can offer no opinion nor can we accept any responsibility. The block will adjoin the Bhaktarhalli Block and will lie across the run of the deposits

We cannot accept Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar's contention that the word "adjoining" may mean merely in the same neighbourhood and that two things which adjoin may be separated by one or more miles of country. The block selected must adjoin or join on to - the area of the Bhaktarhalli Mining Lease and this point should be regarded as finally settled.

Mr.Manickavelu Mudaliar still contends that he should be allowed to take a square mile within the limits of shape provided in the Rules for grant of leases, viz,- the length not to exceed 4 times the breadth. In other words, a block of one square mile in area and not exceeding 2 miles in length.

It was clearly intended and expressed at the meeting that the block should not exceed 1 mile in length - that in fact it should be one mile square. In the agreement reached the wording is however one square mile and if Mr. Manickavelu Moodr chose to dispute the clear intention of the meeting he might gain a legal decision in favour of getting 1 square mile with a maximum length of 2 miles as allowed by the rules at the discretion of Government. I should, therefore compromise the matter by allowing him to take a block touching the Bhaktarhalli

Mining

Mining Leases at one end; [illegible] mile and a length not exceeding 8 miles. This will give him a greater length on the run and minimize the effects of tanks, &c., which he complains of.

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Director,

Mysore Geological Department.

Enclosure C.

Topo Sheet No.

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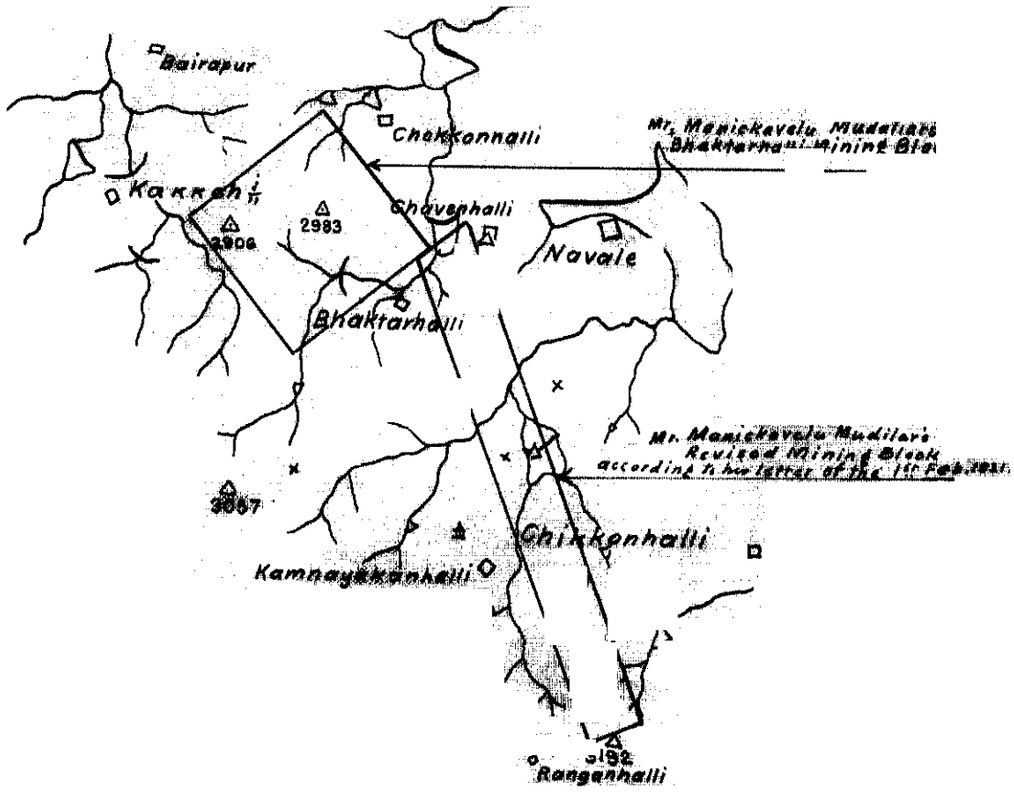

Director,
Mysore Geological Dept.

Enclosure D.

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D.O. Letter No.264, dated Camp Lingadahalli 7th February, from Dr. W.F. Smeeth, Director of Mines and Geology, to the Director, Mysore Geological Department.

In returning herewith File No.20 of 1920 regarding Mr. Manickavelu's application for a Chrome Block dated 1st Feb. 1921, I am unable to agree that the Block marked B complies with either the letter or the spirit of the agreement. We cannot admit Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar's contention that the word "adjoining" is indefinite and might be taken to mean a selected Block anywhere within some miles of the block it was to join.

It was clearly intended and expressed at the Meeting that the block should be one mile square adjoining the Bhaktarhalli Block but unfortunately the wording of the agreement says merely one square mile and in view of the fact that there are some tank lands thereabouts and that the chrome belt is narrow I recommended that Mr.Manickavelu Mudaliar might be given one square mile not exceeding 2 miles in length and adjoining or joined on to the Bhaktarhalli Block.

I am not prepared to go further or to allow the Block to be trailed out for a length of 3 miles or so.

Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar has done very well out of the deal and he was given the right to take one square mile in extension of his Bhaktarhalli Block. Under no conceivable reading can this be taken to give him the right to select a Block or patch of ore 2 to 3 miles away and I see no reason to support such a proposition.

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B. Jagannatha Rao

Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

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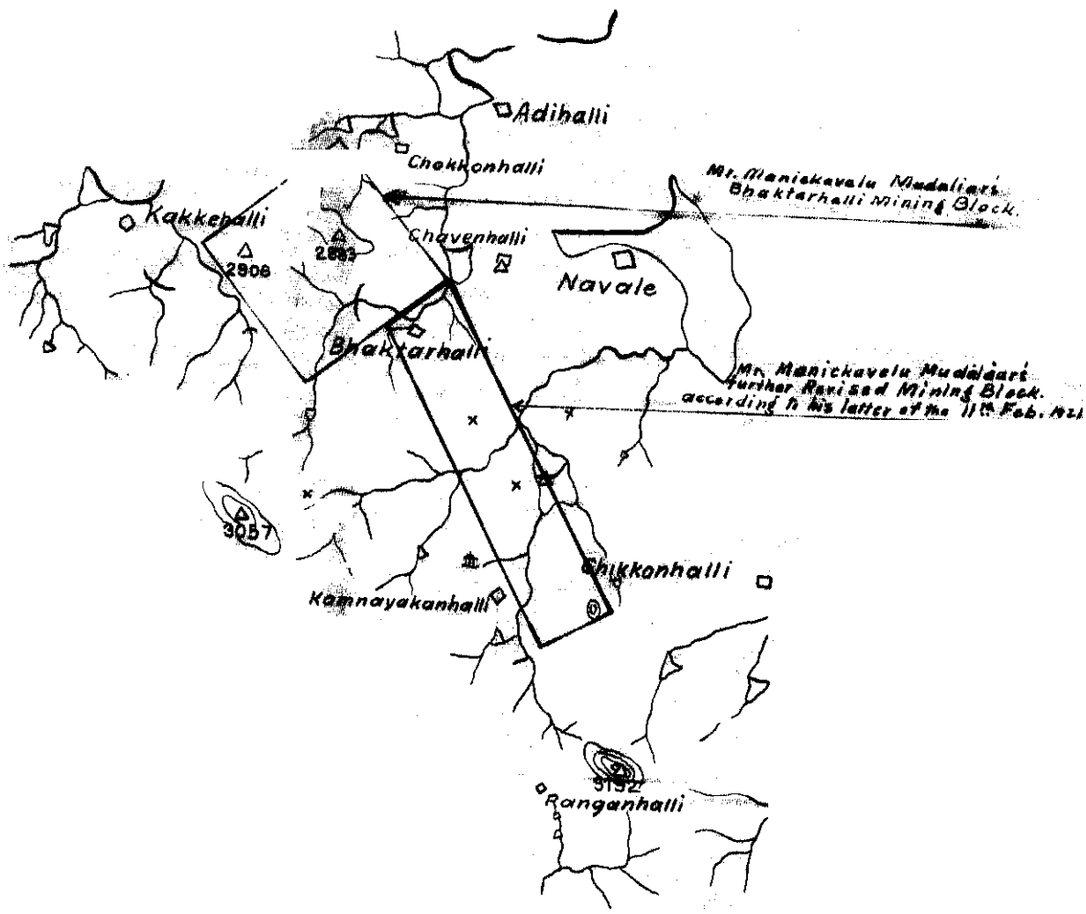

B. Rangaswamy
DIRECTOR,
Mysore Geological Dept.

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Section Mines

File No. 95:18

Serial No. 19

No. G.17905

Date of issue 21/3/21

Signed by H Bris

To The Director, Department of Geology

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter no 1441 dt 1-1921 in the matter of the grant of a mining lease to Mr V. Ma.i.n.n.chetti Muddaliar over a newly taken area known as the Bhakkarahalli Block in lieu of the Margowdanahalli Block in the Mysore Taluk as per ~~promised~~ G.O. no. 2516 4-15/ Geol 95-18-5 dt 8-5-1918 I am directed to convey the sanction

G.T. over.

) Government, as recommended by you in paragraph 4 of the letter under reply,
to the grant of a mining lease over
the revised block adjoining the Bhakkarahalli
block, ~~now~~ 3 miles long and 1/3 mile wide
~~for coal mining rights in the vacant~~
~~piece of land bounded with cultivation~~
~~either side~~ as per sketch submitted
by the applicant on the 18th February 1921
~~vide paper marked C, and forwarded~~
~~with your letter cited in the margin.~~

2. As regards the Bhakkarahalli
ing Block, Govt approve of your recommendation
in a mining lease to Mr V. Sundaramurthy
Dalal over the original area of one
square mile of land comprised in prospecting
licence no 441, subject to the condition
that Govt should be given the first
refusal of the ore obtained from the
mining block.

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Memo. G 1790 21/3 for Offg Chief Secy
dcs 10/3/21

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for Chief Secy

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PART No. 9930.

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No. 1578 Dated, Bangalore, 1st April 1921

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From

B. JAYA RAM, Esquire, F.G.S.,
Director, Mysore Geological Department.

To

R. Statham, Esq., B.A.,
Offg. Chief Secretary to the Government of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.G.17303/Geol.35-18-19, dated 21st March 1921, conveying the sanction of Government to the grant of (1) a revised block adjoining the Bhaktarhalli Block in the Chennarayapatna Taluk, 3 miles long and 1/3 mile wide to Mr. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar as per sketch submitted by him on the 1st February 1921, and (2) a mining lease over the original area of one square mile of the Bhaktarhalli block comprised in prospecting license No.441 to Mr. V. Sundaramurthy Mudaliar.

2. With regard to the condition laid down in respect of the second of the above blocks, viz,- that the Government should be given the first refusal of the ore obtained from the mining block, I presume it to have been copied from your previous letter No.G.2731/Geol.17-17-19, dated 26rd December 1917. Since that date the rules for the grant of mining leases have been so altered as to require that the Government shall at all times, during the currency of the lease, have the right of pre-emption, at the fair market price for the time being of the minerals lying within the block or elsewhere under the control of the lessee. This alteration was ordered with

... to avoid the delay and inconvenience that would result ... offers having to be made to Government every time the ... wanted to remove any mineral or minerals obtained by

3. In view of these facts, I have, in communicating to ... the sanction of Government to the ... of the aforesaid leases specified the latter condition ... of the former.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

B. Rangaraju

Director,

Mysore Geological Department.

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Date of issue 19/4

Signed by

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File No.

Serial No.

No. 8979

To The Director Department of

Sir,

With reference to my letter No. 1571 4th April 1921 intimating that in the licence for ~~[illegible]~~ mining lease granted to Mr. V. Sundaramurthy Mudaliar over the original area of one square mile of land in Bhavadarapalli Block the Government will have the right of pre-emption at the fair market prices of the minerals lying within the Block or ~~[illegible]~~ elsewhere the Contractor as reserved in the terms of the lease, has been instructed ~~[illegible]~~ instead of

over.

the condition specified in this office letter no 1799a/fort 95-18-19 dt 24-3-1921, I am directed to state that your memo is approved.

I have etc

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for Chrystie

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Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Director, Department of Mines and Fuel in continuation of this office memo no 1799o/fort dt 24-3-1921

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for Chrystie

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